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To keep you better informed, the Wyoming Board of Registration for Professional Geologists will issue bulletins on an "as needed" basis. Should you have any questions regarding the information provided, or suggestions on what we might discuss in future bulletins, please feel free to contact the Board office.



NATIONAL STUDY OF PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES COMPLETED

Robert Tepel recently published an article in both AEG News (Winter, 1996) and Geotimes (September, 1996), which discusses a nationwide task analysis study conducted by the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) and the Arizona Board of Technical Registration. This study showed a 98 percent agreement in both the amount of time geologists spend on various tasks as well as what they think is the relative importance of these tasks in protecting the public's health, safety and welfare. The significance of these similarities in professional activities across the nation goes beyond its assistance in defining the content and scope of ASBOG's current licensure examinations. The similarities indicate that tests built around this task analysis would be fair to geologists anywhere in the U.S. Tepel also notes other potential uses for these empirical findings such as determining the focus for continuing education, as an aid in recognizing acceptable professional experience, and as a guide to curriculum objectives at the college level. A report on this study is available from ASBOG, Box 11591, Columbia, SC 29211-1591. Phone: (803) 799-1047 or Fax: (803) 252-3432.



CUMULATIVE PASS RATES FOR ASBOG EXAMINATIONS

(8 exam dates 10/92 - 4/96)

| | <u>Exams given</u> | <u>Pass Rate</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Fundamentals of Geology (FG): | | |
| Wyoming | 34 | 76.47% |
| National | 545 | 55.23% |
| Practice of Geology (PG): | | |
| Wyoming | 43 | 76.74% |
| National | 433 | 66.51% |

WHY BUSINESS AND HOME ADDRESS??

When you complete your renewal return slip, please take time to write in both your business and home address and indicate which is your preferred mailing address. Providing both gives us one additional way to contact you should you move or change employment and forget to change your address with the Board. Your business address and phone number will appear in our roster; however, if you do not provide the business information, your home address and phone number will be used.

Please provide your home phone number even if it is unlisted. If you indicate that the number is unlisted, we will maintain it in your permanent file, but it will not appear in the roster.

The more information you provide the easier it is for us to ensure you receive your renewal notice on time.

DON'T FORGET TO MAIL YOUR RENEWAL FEE BEFORE NOVEMBER 30TH !



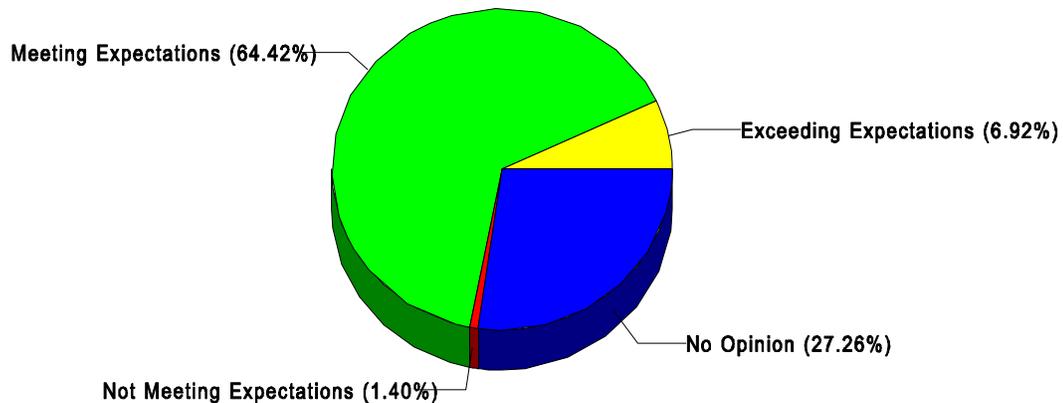
REGISTRANT SURVEYS

In response to legislative action in 1995, the Wyoming Board of Registration for Professional Geologists has prepared a Strategic Plan for FY1996-FY2000. One of the Board's objectives within that plan is "to respond to specific identified needs or concerns of its licensees." In order to meet this objective, we will canvas our registrants at least once each fiscal year in an effort to identify their perceived needs or concerns. A short survey form is enclosed with your renewal notice. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it along with your renewal fee.

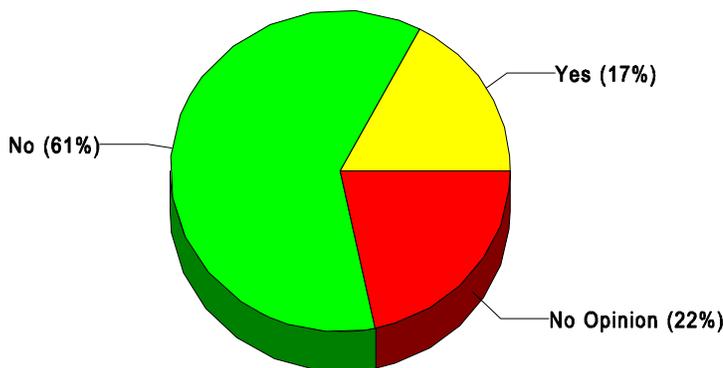
Results of 1995 Registrant Survey

In September of 1995, survey forms were sent out to 2,477 registrants; 1,141 responses were received for a response rate of 46.06%. The results (including all comments exactly as written) have been reviewed by the Board. For easier comparison, the results are shown below in pie charts.

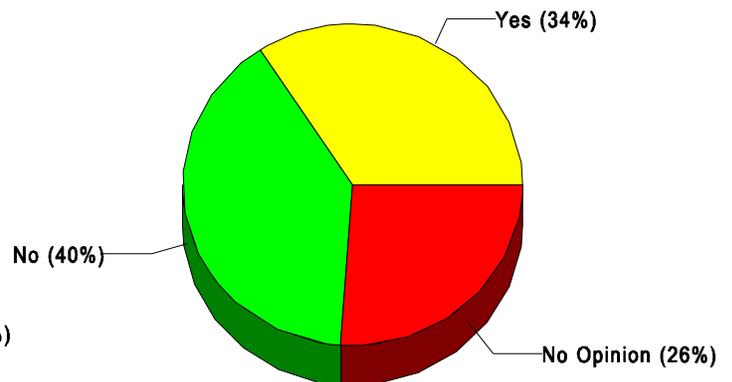
1. How do you feel the Board is doing in balancing the need for regulation with its desire to avoid undue restrictions?



2. Would you like the Board to offer specialty registration?



3. Would you like the Board to pursue a continuing education program?



Note: After reviewing the responses regarding continuing education, it was apparent that the question was not clearly stated. In order to obtain more definitive results, we have revised the question and included it in this year's survey.